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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-English language documents are enclosed.

The listed publications were cited in an Office Action dated November 11, 2008 issued in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-293774. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese documents is found in the attached English-language Abstracts thereof. In addition, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0105734 is the U.S. counterpart to JP 8-292371.

### REQUIRED FEE

The \$180 required fee is being paid electronically. Any additional fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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